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SUBJECT: CHILE PAROLE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 125106

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE (MY CONVERSATION WITH KARL ACKERMAN MAY 17) THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ANALYZING THE CHILEAN PAROLE PROGRAM TO PROJECT WHEN THE CURRENT BACKLOG OF CASES WILL BE PROCESSED AND TO DETERMINE WHAT OUR STAFFING AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE UNDER DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM'S FUTURE.

2. CURRENT SITUATION. THE FIGURES ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE PAROLE PROGRAM PIPELINE VARY DAILY. THUS, SANTIAGO 4820 OF MAY 20 OUTDATES STATE 125106 OF MAY 19. HOWEVER, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IT IS ACCURATE TO STATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 450 PLUS CASES IN VARIOUS STAGES WITHIN THE PIPELINE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

60 PLUS - AWAITING VOLAG SPONSORSHIP;

90 - PENDING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BY ICEM
(INCLUDING GRANTING OF GOC EXILE DECREES);

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150 PLUS - AWAITING DETERMINATION IN WASHINGTON

(STATE AND INS DETERMINATION); AND

150 PLUS - AWAITING DETERMINATION IN THE FIELD
(INTERVIEW AND SECURITY CLEARANCES).

FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES THE PIPELINE INTAKE HAS BEEN CLOSED.
THEREFORE THESE NUMBERS WILL SHIFT FROM ONE STAGE TO ANOTHER
IN THE PIPELINE UNTIL ALL OF THE PRESENT CASES HAVE BEEN
PROCESSED (TRAVEL TO THE US, REFUSAL, OR TRAVEL ELSEWHERE).

3. ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL (AND THIS CAVEAT HAS GREAT
SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CHILEAN CONTEXT SINCE THE GOC IN A FIT
OF PIQUE COULD CLOSE OUR PAROLE PROGRAM OVERNIGHT), WE WOULD
ANTICIPATE AVERAGING ABOUT 10 COMPLETED CASES PER WEEK. AT
THIS RATE THE ORIGINAL CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED TARGET FOR
SANTIAGO OF 300 HEADS OF FAMILY WOULD BE ACHIEVED IN 20 WEEKS
OR SO. 30 WEEKS IS PROBABLY NOT A BAD ESTIMATE, THUS PROJECTING

ANEND OF THE PROGRAM ABOUT THE END OF THE YEAR.

4. ON THE PERSONNEL SIDE THE PAROLE PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY
STAFFED BY TWO CONSULAR OFFICERS, ONE INS OFFICER, TWO AMERICAN
SECRETARIES, AND ONE CHILEAN LOCAL EMPLOYEE. ASSUMING THAT
THE PAROLE PROGRAM IS NOT EXTENDED, WE ARE PLANNING A STAFF
PHASEDOWN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD AS FOLLOWS:

A) MARLENE GARCIA, TDY SECRETARY, RETURNED TO DEPT
MAY 20. WE HAVE REQUESTED REPLACEMENT BY LOCAL-HIRE US
DEPENDENT (SANTIAGO 4730).

B) JANE PARKER, TDY CONOFF DEPARTING SANTIAGO MAY 29 WILL
ARRIVE DEPARTMENT JUNE 7. NO REPLACEMENT REQUESTED DUE TO
NEAR COMPLETION OF EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS.

C) NANCY HUDSON, DOUBLE INCUMBENCY CONOFF, TO CONTINUE ON
PROGRAM UNTIL AT LEAST END OF JULY. NEED FOR CONOFF AFTER
JULY IS UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME.

D) INS OFFICER GEORGE TARRANT EXTENDING TDY UNTIL COMPLETION
OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS.
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E) LINDA MAYS, LOCAL HIRE US SECRETARY, TO REMAIN ON PROGRAM
UNTIL COMPLETED. WE HAVE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CONVERT
MRS. MAYS TO PART-TIME AMERICAN SECRETARY TO CONSUL PER
INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION (SANTIAGO 3860). CONVERSION, IF
APPROVED, TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE OR AFTER COMPLETION PAROLE
PROGRAM. IN ANY CASE SHE WILL BE NEEDED TO WRAP UP PROGRAM
LONG AFTER GOAL OF 300 DETAINEES PAROLED INTO US REACHED

FOR FILES, REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

5. IN STATE 125106 THE DEPARTMENT REFERS TO A LEVEL OF 400 CASE APPROVALS. THIS LEVEL INCLUDED THE LIMA CASES AND WE WOULD NEED AN INPUT FROM EMBASSY LIMA ON HOW THE PROGRAM IS GOING THERE IN ORDER TO MAKE AN OVERALL ESTIMATE.

6. IF THE DEPARTMENT IS CONTEMPLATING LEVYING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON OUR PAROLE PROGRAM EITHER IN PICKING UP THE UNUSED LIMA CASES OR UNDERTAKING CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS LOOKING TOWARD AN INCREASE IN THE 300 PLUS 100SEQUALS 400 TARGET FIGURE, THEN WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OUR PERSONNEL SITUATION WILL BE TIGHT UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. PROCEDURAL AND PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS WOULD BE NECESSARY RIGHT NOW IF OUR PAROLE PROGRAM IS, IN EFFECT, TO BE REGENERATED IN THE COMING MONTHS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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